GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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MIGRATION OF TRIBALS
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware of increasing migration of tribals from the North Cachar hills and Cachar districts of Assam to Manipur;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether is it due to mounting communal violence in these two districts;

(d) if so, the approximate number of tribal families affected thereby; and

(e) the steps taken to ensure the safety of these displaced families?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI)

(a)to(e): Government have received reports regarding migration of tribals from North Cachar Hills and Cachar Districts of Assam as a result of ethnic violence which took place in March-April, 2003. Over 4,200 people of different communities are staying in relief camps set up by Government of Assam. The State Government has already taken steps to strengthen the security in the area.